



Come & See What God Has Done

A Spiritual Gift Of Prophecy

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This next segment of the life of Joseph opens the world of spiritual gifts for us to see a glimpse of God's plan for Joseph. We find these spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12. When we look for spiritual gifts, our answer can be found in 1 Peter 4:10, As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. As you can read, they are gifts to serve others, not us. These gifts are also to be used to glorify the Lord. Sadly, we often see them used in a self-serving manner in our world today. But what of Joseph's spiritual gifts? Let's dig into that. Yesterday, we learned he had the gift of administration, as demonstrated by how he managed Potiphar's household. He also had the gift of discernment, as seen in his refusal to be caught up in the plot of Potiphar's wife. He has one other prominent gift that we will look into next.

From Genesis 41:1-8 we read. After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind. And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.





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A servant tells Pharaoh of Joseph and his ability to interpret dreams. We read of Pharaoh's dream in Genesis 41:25-32, Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about.

Joseph was still serving the Lord even while in jail. His interpretation clearly shows Pharaoh that this is all because of God and he is having dreams. Joseph acknowledges the purpose of the Lord in interpreting the dreams. Joseph remains a steadfast servant of the Lord through all the adversity he experiences. Faith in the Lord drives that devotion. We can see that God has great plans for Joseph at that moment.

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